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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ
اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ ؕ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ؕ

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اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوْلَ اللّٰه وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا حَبِيْبَ اللّٰه
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نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْاِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, make the intention of 'I'tikaaf' upon remembering it because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaafs, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'Whoever recites Salat upon me 100 times in the night and day of Friday, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will fulfil 100 of his needs, 70 of the Hereafter and 30 of the world.'

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, Kitab-ul-Azkar, Juz: 1, vol. 1, pp. 255, Hadis 2229)

تمہارا نام مصیبت میں جب لیا ہوگا ہمارا بِگڑا ہوا کام بن گیا ہوگا

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

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Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayān, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهٖ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action*. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadis 5942)*

Two Madani pearls

1. Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
2. The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayān

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayān attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as far as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب, اُذْكُرُوا اللّٰه, تُوْبُوْا اِلَى اللّٰه, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayān, I will approach other people by making Salām, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Intentions of delivering a Bayān

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayān) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.

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2. I will deliver my speech (Bayān) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.

اُدْعُ اِلٰى سَبِيْلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَ الْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Īmān: 'Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.' *(Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)*

بَلِّغُوْا عَنِّیْ وَلَوْ آیَة

'Convey from me even if it is a single verse.' *(Sahih Bukhari, Hadis 4361)*

3. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.

4. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.

5. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In'aamaat and to join the 'Ilaaqa'i Daura for Nayki ki Da'wat' (area visit for calling towards righteousness).

6. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.

7. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

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Dear Islamic brothers! A great number of miracles were bestowed upon the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. One of the greatest miracles of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is the miracle of Mi'raaj (event of Mi'raaj i.e., Ascension of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم to the Heavens and beyond). The Most Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم was made to ascend Heaven where he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم observed many Divine rewards. Today, I am privileged to present you with some of those Heavenly observations.

Ascension to Jannah

The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: I entered Jannah (on the night of Ascension), I saw stones which were made of pearls and soil of Musk[1]; thereafter I saw four rivers, the first river was of water which does not change; the second was of milk, the taste of which does not change; third, was the river of pure wine which is delicious (non-intoxicating) to those who drink it and the fourth one was the river of clear and pure honey. The pomegranates of Jannah were like large leather buckets in size and the birds were as camels [in size]. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has prepared such marvellous and wonderful favours for his pious bondsmen which have never been witnessed by any eye nor did anybody hear about it ever and nor did anyone have an idea about it.

(Dalail-un-Nubuwwah lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 2, pp. 394)

وہ بُرجِ بَطحَا کا ماہ پارہ بِہِشت کی سَیر کو سِدَھارا

چمک پہ تھا خُلد کا سِتارہ کہ اس قمر کے قدم گئے تھے

Interpretation of the couplet: When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم ascended to Jannah in the blessed night of Ascension, the fortune of Jannah smiled upon Jannah itself and it was privileged to kiss the blessed feet of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

[1] Sahih Bukhari, pp. 852, Hadis 3342

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سُرُورِ مَقدَم کی روشنی تھی کہ تَابِشوں سے مَہِ عَرَب کی

جِنَاں کے گُلشن تھے جھاڑ فَرشی جو پُھول تھے سب کنول بنے تھے

Interpretation of the couplet: When the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم arrived in Jannah, it became brightened & illuminated from all around, all this illumination & radiance was emanating from the most eminent and highly exalted Personality of the Blessed & Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم that during these blessed moments, the flowers of Jannah were also in full blossom.

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Arrival at the river of Kausar

During the Mi'raaj (Ascension) to Jannah, the Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم approached a river, its banks had tents made of hollow pearls and its soil was pure Musk. I asked Jibraeel (عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام), 'What is this O Jibraeel?' He humbly said, 'This is Kausar, which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed you.'

(Sahih Bukhari, pp. 1612, Hadis 6581)

آسمانوں پر گئے اور خُلد کی بھی سَیر کی

شاہ کا یہ مرتبہ، اہلًا وّ سہلًا مرحبا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Three rivers

On the blessed night of Mi'raaj, the Prophet of creation, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم saw a person with his hair combed, sitting on a chair beside the doors of Jannah, sitting by him there were some people with bright faces and some with darkened faces. Those with darkened faces took a bath in a river and came out clean. They then entered another river and took a bath and came out even more purified. Upon entering a third river and bathing, they were purified so much that

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their colour turned bright like their companions. They then sat next to those companions with bright faces.

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم asked, 'O Jibraeel! Who are these people?' He humbly said, 'O Beloved Prophet of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم)! This man (on the chair) is your father Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام; he is the first person on earth who combed his hair. These radiant people have never mixed their Imaan with any evil & wickedness, and those who have a touch of darkness are people who mixed their good deeds with some bad ones, but they repented, and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has accepted their repentance. The first river in which they took a bath in, is a blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the second one is a favour of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the third one is what Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ made them to drink, 'Tahoor' wine.' *(Dalail-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 2, pp. 401)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed those darkened people; a river of Divine Mercy & blessings washed and purified them, this was followed by a river of Divine favour which further purified them and when they drank from Sharaab-e-Tahoor, they became extremely bright. Remember that they attained salvation from the darkness of sins because they sought forgiveness in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ accepted their repentance and brightened their faces. In fact, true repentance not only removes the darkness and stains of sins but also blesses the bondsmen of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with success & prosperity. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says:

وَ تُوْبُوْۤا اِلَى اللّٰهِ جَمِیْعًا اَیُّهَ الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُوْنَ ﴿۳۱﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imaan: And O Muslims, all of you, turn in repentance together towards Allah, in the hope of attaining success.

(Part 18, Surah An-Noor, verse 31)

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah's عَزَّوَجَلَّ mercy and compassion is so great that the umbrella of His kindness & mercy is always ready to take each sinner under its shadow; no matter how big the sins are, one should not delay in seeking repentance and one should never lose hope in the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The

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mercy and kindness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is far beyond our understandings. As a result of true repentance, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives the sins of His bondsmen even if their sins reach the limits of the sky. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ loves those who beg for forgiveness.

The Pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ upon the repentance of a bondsman

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mas'ood رَضِیَ اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said, the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: Undoubtedly, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is more pleased with the repentance of His believing bondsman than a person who has a ride carrying his provisions of food and water. He stops at a rocky place and dozes off to sleep. When he wakes up, his ride is gone, he wonders about in search of it until he felt intense thirst. He says to himself, I shall return to where I stopped and sleep until death. He sleeps by placing his head on his wrist, while awaiting his death, he wakes up only to find his ride loaded with his provisions. So Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is more delighted at the repentance of his bondsman than that person who as finds his lost riding.

(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ut-Taubah, pp. 1468, Hadis 2744)

میں کر کے توبہ پلٹ کر گناہ کرتا ہوں حقیقی توبہ کا کر دے شرف عطا یا ربّ!

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Voice of Heaven

During the blessed night of Mi'raaj, the Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم passed by a valley from which a fresh and pleasant breeze was blowing with the fragrance of Musk. The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم heard a voice there and asked Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام as to what this pleasant breeze with the fragrance of musk and voice were. Jibraeel عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام replied: It is the voice of Heaven, saying, 'O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Grant the dwellers of Jannah entry into me and those for whom You promised me and no doubt, I have pleasant fragrances, silk, brocade, pearls, corals, gold, silver, perfect things, honey, milk and wine etc. in abundance. So grant them entry into me as You had promised me.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says, 'In you, I will grant refuge to every Muslim man

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and woman who believe in Me and My Prophets, they perform good deeds, do not associate partners with Me and fear Me. I will bestow upon those who ask Me; I will give recompense to those who lend to Me; I fulfil the needs of those who have trust in Me; I am Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ); none is worthy of worship except Me; I do not go against My promise.' Listening to this, Heaven said, 'I am pleased now.' *(Dalail-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 2, pp. 399)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have your listened to the voice of Jannah? How unique and excellent blessings & bounties have been mentioned by it! Even it humbly aspired in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that fortunate people come into his heavenly abode. Upon this, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the creator of universe, described the characteristics & attributes of successful true believers. Let's listen to those attributes:

Inheritors of Paradise

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said regarding those fortunate inheritors of Paradise in verses 1 to 11 of Surah Al-Mu`minoon, part 18:

قَدْ اَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ ۙ﴿۱﴾ الَّذِیْنَ هُمْ فِیْ صَلَاتِهِمْ خٰشِعُوْنَ ۙ﴿۲﴾ وَ الَّذِیْنَ هُمْ عَنِ
اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُوْنَ ۙ﴿۳﴾ وَ الَّذِیْنَ هُمْ لِلزَّكٰوةِ فٰعِلُوْنَ ۙ﴿۴﴾ وَ الَّذِیْنَ هُمْ لِفُرُوْجِهِمْ
حٰفِظُوْنَ ۙ﴿۵﴾ اِلَّا عَلٰۤى اَزْوَاجِهِمْ اَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ اَیْمَانُهُمْ فَاِنَّهُمْ غَیْرُ مَلُوْمِیْنَ ۚ﴿۶﴾
فَمَنِ ابْتَغٰى وَرَآءَ ذٰلِكَ فَاُولٰٓىٕكَ هُمُ الْعٰدُوْنَ ۚ﴿۷﴾ وَالَّذِیْنَ هُمْ لِاَمٰنٰتِهِمْ وَ عَهْدِهِمْ
رٰعُوْنَ ۙ﴿۸﴾ وَ الَّذِیْنَ هُمْ عَلٰى صَلَوَاتِهِمْ یُحَافِظُوْنَ ۘ﴿۹﴾ اُولٰٓىٕكَ هُمُ الْوٰرِثُوْنَ ۙ﴿۱۰﴾
الَّذِیْنَ یَرِثُوْنَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ ؕ هُمْ فِیْهَا خٰلِدُوْنَ ﴿۱۱﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imaan: Successful indeed are the believers. Those who humbly cry in their prayers. And who do not incline towards indecent matters. And who pay the (obligatory) charity. And who guard their private organs. Except from their wives or the legal bondwomen that they possess,

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for then there is no blame upon them. So whoever desires more than these two – they are crossing the limits. And those who keep proper regard for their trusts and their pledges. And who guard their prayers. They are the inheritors. Those who will get the inheritance of Paradise; they will abide in it forever. *(Part 18, Surah Al-Mu`minoon, verse 1-11)*

فرما کے شَفَاعَت مری اے شافِعِ محشر! دوزخ سے بَچَا کر مُجھے جَنّت میں بَسانا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Declaration on the door of Heaven

Sayyiduna Anas Bin Maalik رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ narrated, the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'On the blessed night of my Ascension I found a declaration written on the door of Heaven that the reward for Sadaqah is ten times, whereas the reward for giving a loan is eighteen times. I asked, 'O Jibraeel (عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام), why is a loan rewarded more than charity?' He said, 'Because a needy person may ask for charity when he does not need it, but the borrower only borrows in cases of dire need.'

(Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-ut-Sadaqaat, pp. 389, Hadis 2431)

Dear Islamic brothers! From this blessed Hadis we also learn that if any Muslim needs a loan, we should help him with good intentions according to our ability, for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and earn rewards in abundance. Remember that those who give loans and treat their debtors with kindness, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers His special mercy upon them.

Salvation for being kind to debtors

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ narrated, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: There was a man who had never carried out any good deed; nevertheless, he used to give loans to the people. He would often say to his servants, 'If you find a prosperous debtor, then take the money that was loaned and if he is poor then do no ask

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for it (but grant him more time). If only our Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ grants us salvation.' When this man passed away; Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ asked, 'Have you did any good deed?' He humbly said, 'No, however! I used to give loans to the people and when I used to send my servant to recover it, I would instruct him to only ask if the debtor was prosperous and if he is poor then do not ask for it but grant him more time, perhaps Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ may grant us salvation because of this.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'I have forgiven you.' *(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 3, pp. 285, Hadis 8738)*

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Incredibly towering palaces

It is narrated that on the blessed night of Mi'raaj, the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw some incredibly towering palaces and upon inquiring about them, Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said: These are for those who control their anger, tolerate and forgive others and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes those who do good. *(Musnad-ul-Firdaus, vol. 2, pp. 255, Hadis 3188)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Anger is normally an involuntary reaction. It is an incitement of the Nafs (self) which provokes one to take revenge. Blessed Ahadees carry great virtues for the one who controls his anger, seeking forgiveness & tolerance in such situations. One of these virtues have already been mentioned, let's listen to two blessed sayings of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

1. If anyone suppresses his anger when he is in a position to give vent to it, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, will call him on the Day of Resurrection before all creatures, and give him authority to choose any of the Heavenly maidens he wishes. *(Sunan Abi Dawood, Kitab-ul-Adab, pp. 752, Hadis 4777)*

2. The best people amongst my Ummah are those who control their anger when they are in a fit of rage.

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Tabarani, vol. 4, pp. 224, Hadis 5793)

حُسنِ اَخلاق اور نَرمی دو دُور ہو خُوئے اِشتعال آقا

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Tents similar to domes made of pearls

The Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw tents similar to domes made of pearls with soil of musk. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم inquired from Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام: 'لِمَنْ هٰذَا يَا جِبْرِيْل' i.e., *O Jibraeel! For whom is this made?* He humbly said, 'O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم)! This is for the Imams and Mu`azzins of your Ummah [nation].'

(Al-Musnad lish-Shashi, vol. 3, pp. 321, Hadis 1428)

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! How great are the excellences of Imaamat (leading prayers) and Azan (calling to prayers), that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has prepared tents made of pearls. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also privilege us to do so. Let's listen to two more blessed sayings of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

1. The one who calls to prayers for the sake of reward is like that martyr who is drenched in blood and when he will die, insects will not come to his body in the grave. *(Attarghib Wattarhib, Kitab-us-Salat, pp. 95, Hadis 24)*

2. The one who calls to prayers for the five times Salah on the basis of Imaan with the intention of earning reward, his previous sins will be forgiven and whoever leads the five times Salah of his companions on the basis of Imaan, his past sins will be forgiven.

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 7, pp. 289, Hadis 20902)

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Man shrouded in Noor

On the glorious night of Ascension, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم passed by a person who was shrouded in the Noor of the 'Arsh. The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم inquired, 'Is he an angel?' The reply was, 'No'. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم then asked, 'Is he a Prophet?' The reply was, 'No'. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم asked, 'Who is he then?' The reply came, 'It is that person whose tongue remained moist with the Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, his heart was

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attached to the Masjid and he had never become a cause of disgrace for his parents.' *(Mawsu'ah Imam Ibn Abid Dunya, vol. 2, pp. 415, Hadis 95)*

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Through this narration, we come to know that abundant Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, attachment to the Masjid and not being a cause of disgrace for one's parents, are also three deeds which are highly loved in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. This narration motivates us not to indulge in acts such as: swearing, quarrelling, intoxication and gambling etc., which become the causes of disgrace and taunting for parents and he himself has to feel ashamed on the Day of Judgment.

Parents should also provide their children with good advices and sufficient training motivate them to carry out good deeds, forbid them from evil acts. If parents leave them alone to act upon their whims and fancies, they will adopt the wrong path leading to frustrations for everybody. In fact, parents play a pivotal role in making their children good or bad. But, alas, parents are heedless of providing good instructions and useful training to their children, many parents are themselves indulged in sinful activities. When it is the aim of parents just to acquire wealth, leisure and luxury, let alone providing children with good and wholesome training thereafter, these parents complain to everybody about their children getting spoiled.

Such parents should ponder over how much they have spoilt their children, emphasizing on teaching them how to pronounce ABC but did not teaching the Blessed Quran, they taught them western civilization & culture but did not teach the blessed Sunan of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم, they spent hours on general knowledge but did not motivate their kids to acquire compulsory Islamic knowledge, they infused the love of wealth in their hearts but did not kindle the fire of love of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم, they made them afraid of worldly failures but did not open their eyes to the terrors of the grave & the Hereafter if they fail the test of the grave and the Hereafter. These parents taught them to greet with 'Hello' & 'Hi' but did not teach them how to make 'Salaam'. They allowed the freedom of committing sins, using various types of devices freely for amusement & entertainment, cable TV, the misuse of the internet & social media and an immoral environment

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engrossed in dance & music. All these evils develop the cravings of the carnal desires in children's mentality & nature to such an extent that one cannot expect a positive outcome from them. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ privilege us to provide our children with correct education and training. How does one provide good coaching and wholesome training to children? In order to recognize this, read the book '*Tarbiyyat-e-Awlad,*' a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah. It contains plenty of Madani pearls in this regard.

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Majestic grandeur & dignity of Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ

On the blessed night of Ascension, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم arrived in Jannah and saw a palace adorned with pure silk curtains. The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم inquired from Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام, 'O Jibraeel! For whom is this made?' Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said, 'It is for Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ.' *(Ar-Riyaz-un-Nadarah, vol. 2, pp. 110)*

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! How great & majestic is the grandeur & dignity of the true dedicated follower of the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم. Remember! Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ is the most superior and the best of all humans after the Prophets and Rusul عَلَیْہِمُ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام; he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ is a man of immense virtues and excellences; he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ is the first man to embrace Islam and brought Imaan upon the Beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم; he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ accompanied the Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم in travelling and on all occasions and was privileged to migrate in the companionship of the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم and obtained the greatest spiritual status of 'فَنَا فِی الرَّسُوْل' (*annihilation in the Noble Prophet* صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم) and sacrificed all his possessions, life, children and homeland etc., In short, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ sacrificed everything for the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم; that's why he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ attained elevated spiritual ranks in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, even receiving abundant Divine rewards and favours.

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بیان ہو کس زبان سے مرتبہ صِدّیقِ اکبر کا ہے یارِ غار، محبوبِ خُدا صِدّیقِ اکبر کا

رُسُل اور انبیاء کے بعد جو افضل ہو عالَم سے یہ عالَم میں ہے کس کا مرتبہ، صِدّیقِ اکبر کا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Sound of the footsteps of Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ عَنْہُ

During the Mi'raaj to Jannah, the Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم heard the sound of someone's footsteps, regarding this, it was told to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم that he (footsteps of) is Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ.

(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 2, pp. 418, Hadis 6037)

Dear Islamic brothers! See the highly exalted & greatest nobility of Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم heard the sound of his footsteps; how did Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ obtain this great status. Let's listen how.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has narrated a Hadis, he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said: (Once) The Noblest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم asked Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ at the time of Fajr: Tell me which act you did in Islam, at Fajr time, for which you hope to receive a greater reward, for I heard the sound of your footsteps during the blessed night in Heaven. Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ said: I did not do any act in Islam for which I hope to get any benefit but this that when I perform complete ablution (Wudu) or the ritual bath during the night or day I perform Salaah with that purification, what Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has ordained for me to pray. *(Sahih Muslim, pp. 957, Hadis 2458)*

Interpretation of the Hadis

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed Hadis, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, 'Allamah Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi عَلَیْہِ رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ الْقَوِی has stated: Sayyiduna Bilaal's رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ appearance in Jannah is like those servants who escort kings. It means, 'O Bilaal! Which is that work which privileged you to serve me?' Remember! On the blessed night of Ascension neither did Sayyiduna

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Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ accompany the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم nor did he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ ascend for the Mi'raaj but the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم saw this situation which will transpire after the Hereafter, that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم will enter Jannah before all the creatures in a way that Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ will be escorting him.

We come to know some rulings from this blessed incident that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ made the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم aware about the end result of people, who is a Jannati (inhabitant of Heaven), who is a Jahannami (inhabitant of Hell), whose status is higher in Jannah and what is the level of dwellers of Hell etc., all this information is from 'Uloom-e-Khamsah (certain secret knowledges) and the second important fact is that the blessed ears and blessed eyes of the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم can listen and witness things to happen in the distant future. Thirdly, the way one leads his life in this world, in the same way he would be in the Hereafter, as Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ spent his life serving the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم in the world so he رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ would be in the same state in the Hereafter.

'Allamah Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi عَلَیْہِ رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ الْقَوِی has added to the abovementioned blessed reply of Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ: i.e., whenever I made Wudu or Ghusl in the day or night, I performed two optional (Nafl) Rak'aat of 'Tahiyya-tul-Wudu'. It implies here offering it in Ghayr-Makrooh (not prohibited times), so that this blessed Hadis should not go against those blessed Ahadees in which optional prayers are not allowed to perform because of Ghayr-Makrooh (not prohibited times).

Remember that the Noble Prophet's صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم questioned Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ for him to answer himself and for the Ummah to follow this, otherwise the Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم is already well aware of everyone's apparent and concealed deeds. Furthermore, this exalted status is only for Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ due to performing Nafl prayers; if thousands of people perform these nafl prayers regularly, they would never obtain this blessed reward. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 2, pp. 300)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Through this narration, we realise the excellence and significance of 'Tahiyya-tul-Wudu' (Nafl prayers after Wudu) along with the

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great status and rank of Sayyiduna Bilaal رَضِیَ اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ. Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razawi Ziyae دَامَتْ بَرَکَاتُہُمُ الْعَالِیَہ has presented us with a bouquet of 72 Madani In'amaat. 'Tahiyya-tul-Wudu' is also one of these acts. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant us the privilege to act upon Madani In'amaat with sincere intention.

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِیِّ الْاَمِیْن صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Chrysolite ruby tents

While Ascension continued of beautiful and lush valleys of Heaven, the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم arrived at a river called 'Bayzakh', tents of which were adorned with green emerald pearls and chrysolite rubies. Meanwhile a voice was heard: 'اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَیْكَ یَا رَسُوْلَ اللہِ'. The Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم inquired from Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام, 'Whose voice is this?' He عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said, 'They are veiled Heavenly maidens in these tents, they sought permission from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ to make Salam to you and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant them permission', then Heavenly maidens said, 'We live happily; we would never be a cause of any conflict and hatred and we are eternal, we would never be annihilated.' *(Ad-Dur-rul-Mansoor, Taht-al-Ayah 72, vol. 14, pp. 161)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Ponder over it, how beautifully and gracefully Jannah has been adorned by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for his bondsmen and how excellent are the blessings in it. Let's listen to some attributes and qualities of Jannah briefly, to create motivation in us to acquire it, and get that passion to carry out virtuous deeds.

Wonderful description of Jannah

Commenting on Jannah, Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Badr-ut-Tariqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami عَلَیْہِ رَحْمَۃُ اللہِ الْقَوِی has stated in the first part of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*:

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Jannah is a house for true believers made by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. It contains those blessings and favours which have never been heard of nor seen and nor has anybody imagined it. Whatever similarity is presented to explain and define it is merely for understanding purposes, otherwise the most excellent thing of this world can never be compared with anything of Jannah. How extensive is Jannah? Only Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم know this.

In brief, Jannah contains 100 levels; the distance between each level is like the distance between the earth and the sky. In Paradise there is a tree under whose shade a rider keeps riding on a fast horse for one hundred years and he would still not reach the end. The Gates of Jannah will be so broad and vast that a swift horse will take 70 years to cover the distance from one end to the other. The walls of Jannah are built of bricks of gold & silver and mortar of musk; soil is saffron; pebbles are pearls and rubies.

It is stated in another narration that one brick of the Garden of Jannah is made of white pearls, one brick is made of rubies, and one brick is made of green chrysolite. Its mortar is musk, its grass is saffron, its pebbles are pearls and its soil is ambergris. The tents of pearls will be 60 miles tall. Jannah has four rivers, one of water, one of milk, the third of honey and one of wine (which does not intoxicate), streams will flow from these rivers, reaching every house. These streams do not flow below the ground level but flow above the ground. One shore of the rivers is made up of pearls and the other of rubies. The river beds are made of pure Musk. The food will be delicious of all varieties and whatever is desired will be presented to them. On seeing a bird, one would desire to eat its meat, it would be immediately brought to them, deliciously fried. For water etc., flasks will appear in the hands containing the right mixture of water, milk, wine and honey. The quantity will be exactly according to their desire, not one drop more nor one drop less and will disappear, after drinking it.

The beauty of the dwellers of Jannah is that they will have no body hair, except on the head, eyelashes and eyebrows. All people of Heaven will have kohl (Surmah), be 30 years old. The lower level of Jannaties will have 80,000 servants and 72 wives [heavenly maidens] with such crowns that even a small pearl of it will illuminate everything between the east and west.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, part 1, vol. 1, pp. 152-162)

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بِلا حِسَاب ہو جنّت میں داخِلہ یا ربّ پڑوس خُلد میں سرور کا ہو عطا یا ربّ

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! Where The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم observed Divine favours and rewards for the obedient & submissive bondsmen of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم also witnessed disobedient people who had fallen into Divine wrath who were experiencing extremely painful torments.

People experiencing Divine wrath

It is reported, in the blessed night of Mi'raaj, the Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم passed by some people, who had other people appointed over them, some of them had split the jaws and some amongst them would cut the flesh of those people and put it into their own mouths and they were being forced to eat their own flesh, saying, 'Eat as you used to eat the flesh of your brother in the world.' The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم asked (Sayyiduna) Jibraeel (عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام) as to whom those people were. He replied, 'They are the backbiters and slanderers of your Ummah.'

The Noble Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: In the blessed night of Mi'raaj (Ascension), I saw some people who were hanging from branches of fire. So I asked: O Jibraeel (عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام), who are these people? He replied, 'These are the people who used to abuse their parents in the world.'

(Az-Zawājir 'Aniqtirāf-il-Kabāir, vol. 2, pp. 139)

Then, I passed by a group of people; there were pieces of torn clothes on their fronts and backs; they were grazing on the thorny grass of Hell like animals and were swallowing the heated stones of Hell. I asked (Sayyiduna) Jibraeel (عَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام) as to who those people were. He replied, 'They are the people who did not use to pay the Zakah of their wealth; Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has not oppressed them and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not oppress anyone.'

(Attarghib Wattarhib, pp. 263, Hadis 15)

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Dear Islamic brothers! Ponder over these punishments and keep comforts of Jannah and Divine blessings in mind! Who could bear these horrible torments? I swear by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! No one has the strength to bear the torments of Hell, look at your inability and weakness. Alas! Even a slight fever and headache becomes a cause of agony for us, then how shall we be able to bear the painful torments of the Hereafter. Therefore, we still have time available, become afraid and seek true repentance, otherwise if we missed this opportunity and death overcomes us before seeking repentance then only destruction will be left.

Remember! This worldly life contains a few days, whereas life of the Hereafter is eternal, undoubtedly, successful are only those who improve their Hereafter taking advantage of this life and enter Jannah by doing deeds which attain the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in Glorious Quran:

فَمَنْ زُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَ اُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ
فَقَدْ فَازَ ؕ وَ مَا الْحَیٰوةُ الدُّنْیَاۤ اِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُوْرِ ﴿۱۸۵﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Imaan: The one who is saved from the fire and is admitted into Paradise – he is undoubtedly successful; and the life of this world is just counterfeit wealth. *(Part 4, Surah Aal-e-'Imran, verse 185)*

Let's improve our Hereafter, rather than dedicating ourselves to improve our worldly lives. Let us try preparing for Jannah by doing good deeds; Jannah is an abode where there is no sorrow & grief and life is eternal. To become punctual in performing virtuous deeds and refraining from sins, associate yourselves with the Sunnah-inspiring Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ With the blessings of this, we would gain the enthusiasm of refraining from sins and preparing for our Hereafter. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ privilege us to be a part of Dawat-e-Islami every moment of our lives.

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِیِّ الْاَمِیْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

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Introduction of the book 'Faizan-e-Mi'raaj'

Dear Islamic brothers! In the blessed night of Mi'raaj, the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made observed many other things as well. For detailed information read the book '*Faizan-e-Mi'raaj*', a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah. This blessed book contains the observations of the journey to Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, sermons of the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام, Ascension to the seven skies, blessed interaction with Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and much more about the blessed night Journey of Mi'raaj which has been described in the most graceful manner. Obtain this book, read it and distribute amongst others as well.

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Summary of the Bayan (speech)

Dear Islamic brothers! You have heard the observations of Heaven which were witnessed and observed by the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم on the night of Ascension. When the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم approached the gate of Jannah, 'Rizwaan', the gate keeper of Jannah welcomed and greeted the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw Heavenly rivers, gardens and exotic birds, the fountain of Kausar, had banks with tents made of pearls and soil of Musk. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم saw incredibly towering palaces about which Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام explained that these are for those who control their anger and forgive others; furthermore, he saw tents similar to domes about which it was told that those were for the Imams and Mu`azzins of your Ummah. The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم also saw a beautiful palace decorated with pure silk curtains for Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ and on the Ascension of Jannah, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم heard the footsteps of Sayyiduana Bilaal رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ, Jannah is such a beautiful abode where true believers will live there for eternity. It contains great blessings which have never been witnessed by any eye, nor listened by anyone's ear and nor has anyone imagined it. The Inheritors of Heaven will be those fortunate people who humbly pray in Salah and they do not incline towards indecent matters & immoral talks, they pay obligatory charity, guard their private organs, regard their trusts and

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their covenant and guard their Salah. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also make us these virtuous qualities and grant us success in the world and Hereafter.

اٰمِیْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِیِّ الْاَمِیْن صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

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Introduction of Madani Channel

Dear Islamic brothers! The enemies of Islam have been continuously making efforts to attract and mislead the Muslims with distorted & misleading information especially through the Electronic Media.

Therefore, we have finally reached the conclusion that it is probably impossible to completely eradicate the harmful effect of these types of T.V. channels from society. We were left with only one option, as an example, *in the case of a heavy flood, the flow of water is diverted towards the farms to protect the houses whilst at the same time providing water to the farms*, similarly, the teachings of Islam can be spread through the medium of T.V. whilst trying to awaken the Muslims from their deep sleep of negligence and making them aware of the disastrous consequences of sins. Therefore, when we realised that it is possible to launch a much needed Islamic T.V. channel to provide Muslims with accurate and beneficial Islamic teachings without films, songs, music and all other types of sinful activities, the Markazī Majlis-e-Shūrā of Dawat-e-Islami struggled hard and launched 'Madani Channel' in the sacred month of Ramadan, 1429 A.H, corresponding to September 2008. Madani Channel is conveying the message of the Sunnah to Muslim homes and has achieved tremendous success within a very short period of time.

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Take part in the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! For carrying out virtuous deeds, refraining from sins, with the desire for deep thinking of the Hereafter and attaining the passion

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of acting upon the Sunnah, associate yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and take part in 12 Madani activities with strong and absolute commitment. Participate in the 'area for calling towards righteousness' is also one of the weekly 12 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah and calling others towards righteousness is such a great activity that all the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام and even the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم himself was also sent in this world for this very purpose. Despite suffering various trials, tribulation and hardships; they carried out this great obligation of 'اَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوْفِ وَنَهْیٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَر' properly.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami persuades and motivates us to take part in the Madani activity of 'Area visiting for calling towards righteousness' every week. It is a brilliant source of 'اَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوْفِ وَنَهْیٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَر'. We should also take out some time for this virtuous deed as well as make a routine of attending weekly Sunnah-inspiring congregation from beginning to end. It brings innumerable excellences with it. Let's listen to a Madani Bahār (parable) in this connection:

I never offered Salah except Eid Salah

An Islamic brother who lives in Mianwali colony, Manghupir Road Bāb-ul-Madīnah, Karachi has stated: There would hardly be a sinner like me in our locality. I had many girlfriends. I had such a dirty & perverted mind that watching bad movies daily was the part of my habit. Believe me or not, I never offered any Salah in my entire life other than Eid Salah and I didn't even know how to offer Salah! Fortunately, the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showered upon me, blessing with the privilege of taking part in the collective I'tikāf held in Faizān-e-Madinah, the global Madanī Markaz of Dawat-e-Islami in the last ten days of Ramadan. How fantastic the Madani environment in Faizān-e-Madinah is! My eyes opened; the veil of heedlessness was removed from my heart and a Madanī transformation took place.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I learnt how to offer Salah and became punctual in my five daily Salah with the Jamā'at. I started to deliver Dars from *Faizān-e-Sunnat* in two Masajid. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The Islamic brothers gave me the responsibility of Zayli

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Nigrān of a Masjid Mushāwarat. To express my appreciation I would like to mention that by the blessings of the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami I was honoured with the privilege of seeing the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم in my dream.

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Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Paradise.' *(Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)*

سینہ تری سُنَّت کا مدینہ بنے آقا جنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

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Madani pearls regarding Miswāk*

Firstly, two sayings of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

1. Two Rak'āt offered after using the Miswāk, are better than 70 Rak'āt offered without Miswāk. *(Attarghīb Wattarĥīb, pp. 102, vol. 1, Hadis 18)*

2. Make use of the Miswāk necessary upon yourselves, because in this lies the cleanliness of the mouth and a cause for (attaining) the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. *(Musnad Imām Aḥmad, pp. 438, vol. 2, Hadis 5869)*

3. Miswāk should be from Zaytūn, or Neem, or similar trees/plants having a bitter taste.

* Miswāk is a piece of twig of specific trees used to clean mouth/teeth in accordance with Sunnah.

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4. Thickness of the Miswāk should be equal to the thickness of the little finger.

5. Miswāk should not be longer than one's hand span, as Satan sits on it.

6. The strands of the Miswāk should be soft; otherwise, they might cause spaces between the teeth and gums.

7. If the Miswāk is fresh then it is excellent; otherwise soak it in a glass of water until it becomes soft.

8. Trim the strands everyday as they are beneficial only as long as they have some bitterness.

9. Brush your teeth horizontally with the Miswāk.

10. Always brush your teeth with the Miswāk in three cycles.

11. Rinse it after each cycle.

12. Hold the Miswāk in the right hand in such a manner that the little finger remains beneath it and the middle three fingers remain over it while the thumb also beneath pointing towards the top (near the soft strands that are used to brush the teeth).

13. First brush (with the Miswāk) the top right row of the teeth followed by the top left row. Then the bottom right row and lastly the bottom left row of the teeth.

14. Using the Miswāk while holding it in the fist, poses the risk of piles.

15. Miswāk is a Sunnah before the performance of Wudu but if one has bad breath, using the Miswāk becomes Sunnat-ul-Muakkadaĥ.

(Fatāwā Razawiyyaĥ, pp. 623, vol. 1)

16. Do not throw away a used Miswāk or its strands as it is a tool used to act upon a Sunnah. Rather, keep it somewhere respectfully, bury it or put it into the sea.

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To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* volume 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Ādaab,* comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

مجھ کو جَذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پَروَردِگار سُنّتوں کی تربیَّت کے قافلے میں بار بار

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The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيْبِ الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ عَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

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It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِیَ اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' *(ibid, pp. 65)*

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. *(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 277)*

4. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللّٰهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ اَهْلُهٗ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ''Abbās رَضِیَ اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadis 17305)

5. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-'Alan-Nabi

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِيْ عِلْمِ اللّٰهِ صَلَاةً دَآئِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللّٰهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَیْہِ رَحْمَۃُ اللّٰہِ الْہَادِی reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-'Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. *(Afzal-us-Salawat 'alaSayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149)*

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6. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَ تَرْضٰى لَهٗ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.'

(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)

7. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(Attarghib Wattarhib, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadis 31)

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

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